

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-14
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-14
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-14
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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D1 : US 5 997 317 A (PEI WEN-CHUN ET AL) 7 December 1999 (1999-12-07)

- 2 Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses:

An electrical connector for connecting between an electronic component and a circuit board via a plurality of solder balls soldering onto the circuit board, comprising an insulative housing forming a mounting surface adjacent to the circuit board and a receiving surface for supporting the electronic component, the insulative housing defining a plurality of terminal channels extending through the mounting surface and the receiving surface; and a plurality of conductive terminals respectively received in the corresponding terminal channels, the terminals having a mounting portion to locate the solder ball

From this, the subject-matter of independent claim 1 and claim 8 differs in that:

The conductive terminal has a first wall, a second wall connecting with the first wall and a third wall connecting with the second wall opposite to the first wall, a mounting portion comprising a first horizontal portion extending and bending from one end of the first wall towards the third wall, and a second horizontal portion on the third wall and corresponding to the first horizontal portion towards the first wall, a gap defined between an end of the second horizontal portion and an end of the first horizontal portion near the second horizontal portion so that the first and second horizontal portions form a structure for locating the solder ball.

- 2.1 The subject-matter of claim 1 and claim 8 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT)
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- 2.2 The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 and in claim 8 of the present

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The terminal provides in a simple manner an improved mounting portion for the solder ball. There is no hint for this solution in the prior art.

- 2.3 Claims 2-7 are dependent on claim 1 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.
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